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I-285 and State Route (SR) 400 Improvements

P.I. # 0000784 and 721850-

Brief, general description: The proposed improvements are designed to aid in reducing traffic congestion and improve safety in the area surrounding the I-285/SR 400 interchange in metro Atlanta. New flyover ramps, new collector-distributor lanes and other facilities to aid east-west travel on along I-285 and north-south travel along SR 400 would be constructed. The improvements are achieved in two projects: the I-285/SR 400 Interchange Reconstruction (P.I. # 0000784) and the SR 400 Collector-Distributor (CD) Lanes (P.I. # 721850-). However, to achieve maximum efficiency, economic benefit and cost-effectiveness for the region, the Department now proposes to construct the two stand-alone projects as one Design-Build-Finance (DBF), Public-Private Partnership (P3). The combined design-build cost is estimated at \$1.056 billion which includes the cost of preliminary design, environmental approval, right of way acquisition, final design, construction, utility relocations, construction engineering and inspection (CEI), and insurance for both projects.

Project Location: The proposed improvements will be provided along I-285 from west of Roswell Road in Fulton County to east of Ashford-Dunwoody Road in DeKalb County (for a total distance of approximately 4.3 miles), and along SR 400 from Glenridge Connector to Spalding Drive, for a total distance of approximately 6 miles.

Project Details:

- Project P.I. # 0000784 would include construction of barrier-separated collector-distributor (CD) lanes along I-285 and SR-400, reconstruction of existing ramps, and new flyover bridges, as well as reconstruction and widening of existing bridges in the interchange area.
 - “Braided” ramps would be constructed in the vicinity of Ashford Dunwoody Road and Roswell Road to eliminate conflicts between traffic entering and exiting SR 400 and traffic entering and exiting the Roswell Road and Ashford Dunwoody interchanges, while preserving the recently completed projects at both of these interchanges.
 - Along SR 400, the proposed project also would construct about two miles of improvements from Glenridge Connector north to Hammond Drive. This work would tie into the adjacent SR 400 CD lanes proposed project (P.I. 721850-), which would construct northbound and southbound CD lanes along SR 400 from Hammond Drive to just north of Spalding Drive.
 - A new Environmental Assessment (EA) would be completed for the proposed project.
- Project P.I. # 721850- would construct new northbound and southbound CD lanes along SR 400 from Hammond Drive to Spalding Drive. The new CD lanes would tie into proposed improvements at the I-285/SR 400 interchange, which include construction of CD lanes along SR 400 from Glenridge Connector north to Hammond Drive.
 - The existing bridge over SR 400 at Mount Vernon Road would be replaced to accommodate improvements on SR 400 underneath.
 - New northbound and southbound bridges would be constructed to carry the CD lanes over Abernathy Road and to provide separated ramp movements in the area between Abernathy Road and Hammond Drive.
 - Improvements to the existing SR 400/Abernathy Road interchange would be constructed.
 - A re-evaluation of the existing Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) approved in 1998 would be completed for the proposed project.

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Project Schedule:

- **Preliminary Design/Environmental Phase:**

- Public Information Open Houses (PIOHs): I-285/SR 400 Interchange - August 19 and 21, 2014
(at Dunwoody Baptist Church)
SR 400 C/D Lanes - November 2014 (tentative)
- Public Hearing Open House (PHOH): I-285/SR 400 Interchange - February 2015 (tentative)
- I-285/SR 400 Interchange: EA/FONSI Approval - Spring 2015 (tentative)
- SR 400 C/D Lanes: Re-evaluation of 1998 EA/FONSI - Spring 2015 (tentative)

- **Procurement Phase:**

- The two stand-alone projects are proposed to be constructed as one Design-Build-Finance (DBF) P3 project.
- The proposed project is currently scheduled to be introduced to the DBF, P3 Industry in fall 2014
- The P3 procurement process is anticipated to begin in late 2014 with a Public Notice Announcement (PNA) and Request for Qualifications (RFQ).
- The selected private entity will finance a portion of the project cost during the construction period and will be paid back over a period of years after construction is complete. Financial analysis is underway to determine the amount that the private entity will be required to finance.
- The proposed project is anticipated to be let to a DBF P3 team in late 2015.

- **Final Design/Construction Phase:**

- Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in 2016.
- The construction duration of the proposed project is anticipated to be 42 months.

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